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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Al Munro

It seems like only yesterday that I was writing my April President's message and I was advising you that I was working on the membership cards and would hopefully have them to Ross for the May issue of 'Timber Talk'. You can imagine my surprise when I received a memo from Ross saying it was time for my May President's message and I was still working on the preparation of the membership cards. I am pleased to report that the receipts and cards, including the few year 2005 cards that were not sent out, are now complete but will not get to Ross in time for the May mailing. He will have them in time for the June mailing of 'Timber Talk'.

My wife, Marion and I have completed our plans for attending the Winnipeg Coin Show on the May 13th weekend. If any of you are planning to be at the Winnipeg show, please feel free to look us up so we can meet. I will be checking in with the show chairman, Kyle Mutcher and he should be able to direct you to me. Unfortunately, we will only be at the show on the Saturday and not the Sunday.

I have been informed that a good portion of the late *Ted Boxall's* 'wood' collection will be up for auction at *our annual, breakfast meeting held in conjunction with the annual Canadian Numismatic Association convention in Niagara Falls on July 23rd*. Ted had accumulated a sizeable collection of U.S.A. official woods and any collector of U.S.A. officials should be in their glory bidding on this accumulation. There will also be a very, large number of Canadian 'woods' in the auction and it will be a good opportunity for anyone starting a collection. Please make plans to attend this meeting. Everyone is welcome.

I recently acquired an accumulation of wooden tokens and included in it was a 'wood' with the Royal Bank symbol on both sides. There was no writing on the 'wood' and it was 'hot stamped', in blue, on both sides. If anyone has any knowledge of this issue, I would appreciate receiving it. You can contact me by e-mail at wood5cents@shaw.ca or telephone me at 403-273-6133 or write to me at Box 2643, Station 'M', Calgary, Alberta, T2P 3C1.

Continued good luck in your collecting efforts.

MATERIAL TO COME: Your editor, at present, has considerable material for at least next month and possibly July. **David Phillips** has sent in more Alaska material. There is the recent Ontario Num. Assoc. material and, of course, lots more regarding the upcoming Canadian Num. Assoc. convention. This is a bonus, but keep that material coming. Thank you.

PAST PRESIDENTS:

Garry Braunwarth – 1975-1977

Victor Hall – 1977-1979

Don Robb – 1979-1981

Stan Clute – 1981-1983

Neil Probert – 1983-1985

Norm Belsten – 1985-1991

Pat White – 1991-1995

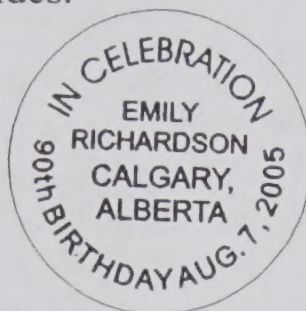
Lou Vesh – 1995-2001

Earl Salterio – 2001-2003

Norm Belsten – 2003-2005

NEW WOOD – EMILY RICHARDSON 90TH:

This past summer (2005), two Calgary Numismatic Society (C.N.S.) members, *Al Munro* and *Neil Probert* had this wood made for a long-time C.N.S. member Emily Richardson. They gave the wood to Emily, who distributed them to friends at her birthday party held last summer. I believe there were two hundred made by Norm Belsten. How many are still available for collectors is unknown. This may be a very difficult wood to obtain for your collection. I'm told the wood is green, in colour, both sides.

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FREE WOOD OF THE MONTH

C.W.W.M.C. member *John Regitko* and the *Canadian Numismatic Association* have donated this wood as our 'free wood' for this month. John is currently the C.N.A.'s Executive Secretary and the General Chairman of this year's 2006 C.N.A. convention in Niagara Falls. This is the second of four woods provided as free woods to promote this upcoming convention. The wood is blue both sided. The '*Falls*' image is the official logo for this C.N.A. convention.

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- More numismatic give-aways to pre-registered clubs at the Club Delegates Breakfast meeting than at any previous C.N.A. Convention!
- As many spousal activities as at any previous C.N.A. Convention

WILL YOU BE PART OF IT?

HAVE YOU NOTICED? : by Ross Kingdon

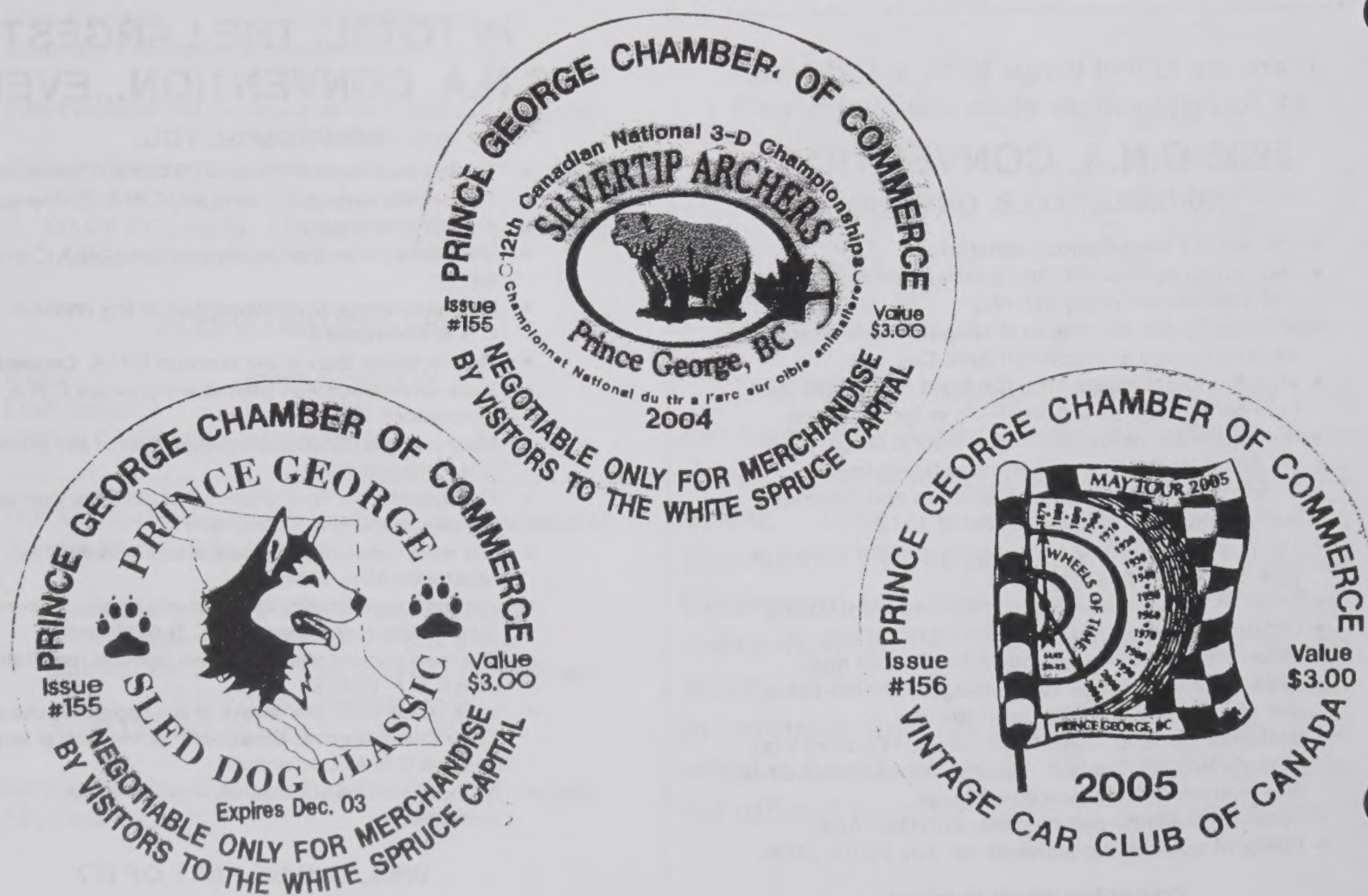
I'm sure there are many people out there who collect the yearly issues of *Spruce Dollars* from Prince George, British Columbia. I collect these issues and send in my order for each year's issue. This year's 2006 issue will soon be out, on the market, and I'll be sending away for it, as well.

About the year 1983, the *Prince George Chamber of Commerce*, who issues these woods, began putting, on the wood, the "actual number" of the issue. The first issue that I have, in my collection, that has the 'issue number' on it is (No. 132. Northern Interior Wildlife Centre). The expiry date on this wood is Dec.31/83. Every wood issue from that date on, has an 'issue number' on it.

Take a look at your last few yearly issues. I believe that an error has been made in the numbering and I sent an e-mail to the Chamber of Commerce, advising them of my belief, shortly after the year 2005 issue came out. I received no return response.

My year 2003 *Sled Dog Classic* issue has the **number 155** on it. My issue of the year 2004 *Silvertip Archers* issue **also has the number 155** on it. Should not that year 2004 wood Silvertip Archers have had the number 156 on it? Therefore the year 2005 wood *Vintage Car Club* would be number 157. My year 2005 *Vintage Car Club* has number 156 on it.

What number will be on this year's 2006 wood? Will it be number 157 or will it be, what I believe it should be, number 158? We'll wait and see. Have I missed something here? If so, somebody please set me straight. I look forward to hearing from you.



ALBERNI VALLEY COIN CLUB'S 45TH ANNIVERSARY WOOD: by David Phillips

In October of 2005, the Alberni Valley Coin Club celebrated its 45th anniversary.

As has been the practice every five years, since the Club's 30th anniversary, something of a numismatic nature was to be created and made available as a 'commemorative' item for distribution by the Club.

A number of options were considered, e.g. metal tokens/medallions, paper script, encased pennies and wood tokens.

Wooden tokens were finally decided upon and three hundred were ordered from Norm Belsten's hot stamping Co. These were received in time for distribution in October, thanks to Norm's quick work. Each Club member was given one, while many were given out to the public by co-operating merchants and the Club still retained a number. This brings the number of woods the Club has issued, over the years, to three (1995, 2000, & 2005).

The design on the reverse is one that the Club has used before on its 35th anniversary wood (1995). The mountain, in the background, is typical of the mountain (Mt. Arrowsmith), that overlooks Port Alberni. The trees are typical of the forest around Port Alberni and are the mainstay of the town's industry e.g. logging, sawmilling and a paper mill (whose buildings and smokestacks can be made out on the right side foreshore of the design). The leaping salmon is a symbol of one of Port Alberni's claim to fame – "The Salmon Capital Of The World" !!!

In actual fact, Port Alberni annually hosts, on the labour day weekend, one of British Columbia's largest, if not the largest, Salmon Fishing Derbies. The winning salmon is usually in the 45 pound range.

Editor's Note: In the above article, David mentions the Port Alberni saw and paper mill. I believe this is the **McLean** saw and paper mill which was the main theme of the *Port Alberni Coin Club's 40th anniversary* wood issued in the year 2000. This wood was written up in the Timber Talk newsletters of Dec. 2000 and Jan. 2001, with the Jan. issue having a detailed description of this national, historic McLean Mill. Thank you , David for this article.

CANADIAN GYPSUM WOOD:

This Canadian Gypsum Wood was issued about a year ago in the Edmonton, Alberta area. Your editor has little information on this wood other than to say, I believe the wood was used for a function by Construction Specifications Canada as a drink ticket or voucher, given away by Canadian Gypsum Co. as part of a Fun Night held at an annual convention in Edmonton in May of 2005. About 700 of these wood were made by Norm Belsten. With this many being made, I would think there would be some available for collectors, however I have seen none and don't know of its availability.



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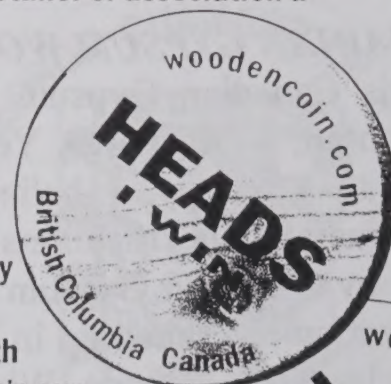
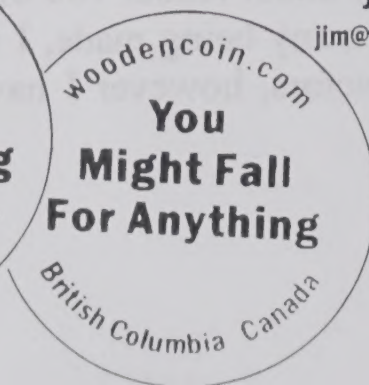
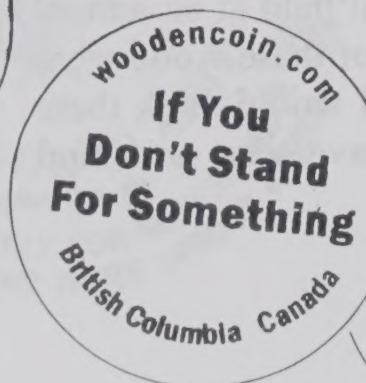
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